

MICHAEL F. EASLEY GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 143 PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF DISASTER FOR CABARRUS AND MECKLENBURG COUNTIES

WHEREAS, I have determined that a State of Disaster, as defined in N.C.G.S. §166A-6, exists in the State of North Carolina, specifically Cabarrus and Mecklenburg counties, as a result of the remnants of Tropical Storm Fay which produced heavy rains that caused severe flooding on August 26 and 27, 2008;

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2008, Cabarrus and Mecklenburg counties proclaimed a local State of Emergency;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §166A-6, the criteria for a Type I disaster are met including the following: (1) receipt of the preliminary damage assessment from the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety; (2) Cabarrus and Mecklenburg counties declared a local state of emergency pursuant to N.C.G.S §166A-8 and forwarded a written copy of the declaration to the Governor; (3) the preliminary damage assessment meets or exceeds the criteria established for the Small Business Disaster Loan Program pursuant to 13 C.F.R. Part 123; and (4) a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States pursuant to the Stafford Act has not been declared.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

<u>Section 1.</u> Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §166A-6, a State of Disaster is hereby declared for Cabarrus and Mecklenburg counties.

<u>Section 2.</u> State and local government entities and agencies are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of this proclamation and the provisions of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan.